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THE NATIONAL CARING AWARDS

PROCESS *and* PURPOSE



My life is my message," said Mahatma Gandhi. The message of the caring Americans detailed in the pages that follow is no less remarkable. With Gandhi they share the knowledge that no act of kindness is ever wasted. They know the measure of humans will be found not so much in what we acquire as in what we contribute. They seek to improve every situation they find and make things better.

The search for these caring Americans began in 1985. The process was initiated in the belief that caring is the essence of America. "These Americans are peculiar people," Alexis de Tocqueville observed when our society was still in its infancy. "If, in a local community, a citizen becomes aware of a human need which is not being met, he thereupon discusses the situation with his neighbors. Suddenly, a committee comes into existence. The committee thereupon begins to operate on behalf of the need, and a new community function is established. It is like watching a miracle, because these citizens perform this act without a single reference to any bureaucracy, or any official agency."

The authors of *Habits of the Heart*, the landmark description of the development of American society, conclude there was no accident in this design. They report the founders of our nation knew that the stability and success of our republic depended on the maintenance of virtue among its citizens. Virtue they defined as the knowledge

that we are interdependent—that we each belong to one another—that the private welfare of each depends ultimately on the welfare of the other.

In this light, *caring* becomes a one-word distillate of the Golden Rule. It is the ethical base that supports our democracy, the Bill of Rights, and even the free-enterprise system. Those American businesses that have been successful over the long term understand that profit is not an end in and of itself but the monetary measure of that business's contribution to society.

Unfortunately during the last decade it seems this tradition was forgotten. Through the media and a multitude of other sources, we were encouraged to pursue our private interests. We looked at the bottom line and asked, "What's in it for me?" Many sought short-term advantages at the expense of others and began excluding concern for the common welfare.

As a result, the fabric of our society began to degenerate. A society that once was distinguished by our uncommon concern for the common good

began to be defined in terms of materialism. Where once we defined success in terms of service, increasingly we were told to think in terms of acquisition. Success at any price and a seemingly endless appetite for material possessions were said to reflect an ever more selfish society and demonstrate new depths of apathy—"a-pathos" or not caring. To those afflicted with apathy, caring was an activity for saints and martyrs.

It was in this context that the Caring Institute was created. The Institute was designed to encourage public service and promote selflessness. It was founded on the admonition of Albert Einstein that "only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." People help people. Everyone can do something to help someone else. The Institute supports the belief that the solution to the many social problems that confront our society is to rediscover our roots and to remember the values that are at the heart of America.

The Institute initiated the National Caring Awards as a mechanism to focus public attention on these fundamental values of our country. Institute staff began by contacting the leaders of our society and asking them to identify the most caring person they knew. Each year since 1985, this process has been repeated. Tens of thousands of people are now surveyed annually. Thousands of nominations are received in response. In addition, many unsolicited nominations are received from people who have heard of the process and want to participate.

Each nomination received is reviewed and evaluated by staff and volunteers. Finalists are reviewed by the Institute's prestigious advisory board members, many of whom are past recipients of a National Caring Award. Each year 10 people are selected for national recognition.

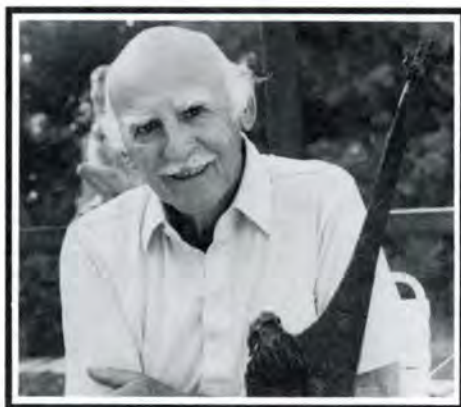
The purpose of the National Caring Awards is to recognize the contributions of these exceptional human beings, to reinforce their activities, and to create role models for society. The National Caring Awards reflect the belief that, as Albert Schweitzer put it, "Example isn't the best way to teach, it's the only way." Those selected for a National Caring Award are our best examples and help set the highest standard of social responsibility.

With the national standard established, the Institute initiated a parallel program for young people. This program for "caring kids" was designed to identify peer leaders—young people who have already demonstrated extraordinary depths of caring and compassion—and to find ways to reinforce these valuable social instincts.

Each year Institute staff members contact the principals of every junior and senior high school in the country and ask them to identify their best kids. Each year the response is overwhelming. Clearly there are thousands of truly remarkable young people in our country.

The Caring Awards recipients' activities are diverse and varied. Some are well known to the general public. Some are not. Some come from comfort and privilege and have walked the corridors of power. Others have known poverty and have lived their lives on the fringes of society. Their social, economic, and ethnic characteristics are as broad as a random cross section of the country.

What they share is their selflessness and a commitment to service. What they represent is a common thread of goodness that runs through our society. What they teach is that joy only comes into our lives when we have something meaningful to do and someone to love.



Frank Eliscu

Frank Eliscu began sculpting at age 9 with wax from his grandmother's candles. He started exhibiting his work at 18 and won several national contests at an early age. He was asked to design the Heisman Trophy in 1936.

Eliscu is the author of two books: *Sculpture: Three Techniques, Wax, Slate, and Clay* and *Direct Wax Sculpture*. He also taught for many years at the National Academy of Fine Arts. At one point there was a three-year waiting period for his courses.

In addition to the Heisman Trophy, Eliscu is the creator of the Presidential Eagle, which sits in the White House Oval Office, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and the Cascade of Books, which marks the entry to the Madison Building of the Library of Congress.

Eliscu volunteered his talent to create the Caring Award, the bronze statue given to each of the individuals who have been identified by the Caring Institute as being among the most caring people in America. "I knew it had to be a powerful piece," he says, "in order to capture such a dynamic concept. As you get older, you need to do something that you enjoy. Something to keep you excited. If you don't have that, you tend to go downhill fast. This is the kind of thing I love to do."

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May 7, 1993

Mr. Eli Segal
Director
Office of National Service
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Segal:

The brochure enclosed, which describes the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, just arrived. As I mentioned in my letter of April 12, 1993, I would love to give you a personal tour whenever you are in the area.

With best wishes,



Bill Halamandaris
President

Jina,
for your
files on programs

Karen



At the center of the main gallery sits an impressive tribute to caring Americans—the Caring Award. This elegant nine-foot statue designed by the creator of the Heisman Trophy Frank Eliscu is a replica of the award given to recipients of the Caring Institute's National Caring Award. Those honored have

been selected from tens of thousands of caring Americans identified since 1985. They are the best of the best—men and women who dedicate their lives to their fellow man, and in their selflessness, ennoble the human race. Portraits of the first four classes honored hang in the main gallery. A distinguished artist is commissioned to paint portraits of individuals in each class. Succeeding classes of award recipients will be memorialized in Gallery Two. During the renovation, the north wall of this gallery was reconfigured to include french doors that provide access to the courtyard, where a sculpture garden will be created.

The second and third floors of the museum are dedicated to exhibits that speak broadly to the power of caring, including but not limited to posters from the annual Art of Caring poster contest for schoolchildren, photographs from the Annual Art of Caring photography contest, and “Faces of Caring,” an exhibit of illustrations of some of the most caring men and women in history. A theater, located on the third floor, is available to play video profiles of the extraordinary people who have been honored with a National Caring Award.



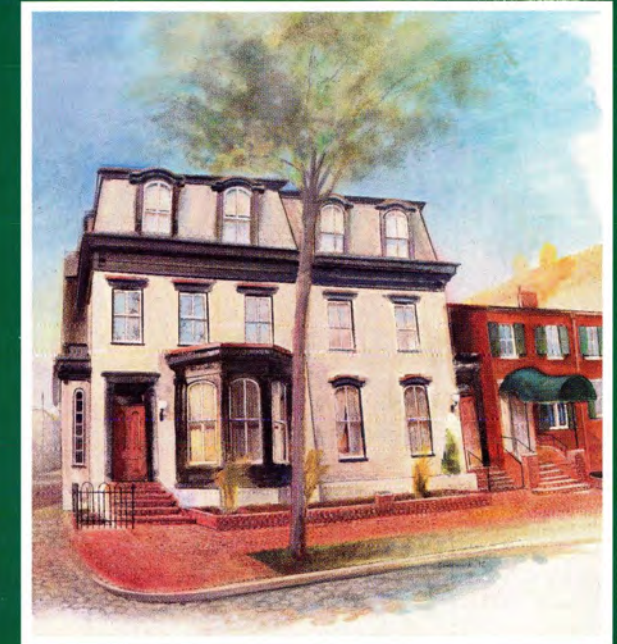
The museum, dedicated in December 1992, is the visualization of the best instincts of man. Those who are there honored know, as did Albert Einstein, that “only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Each is individually remarkable. Collectively their example is so inspirational as to be almost overpowering.

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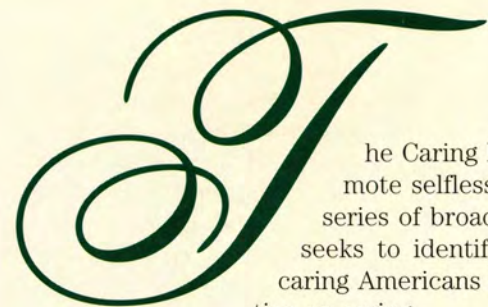
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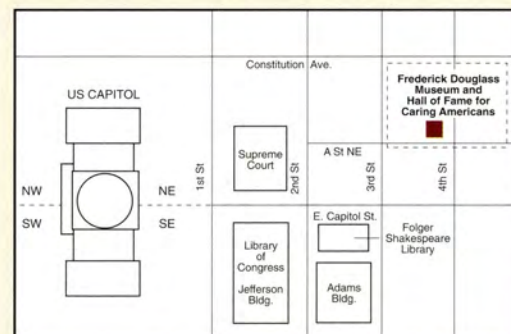
CARING INSTITUTE

Frederick Douglass Museum and Hall of Fame for Caring Americans



he Caring Institute was created in 1985 to promote selflessness and public service. Through a series of broad interrelated programs the Institute seeks to identify, honor, and reinforce particularly caring Americans and focus the general public's attention on caring.

The Hall of Fame for Caring Americans is dedicated to the caring Americans who have made our nation great. Located one block from the Supreme Court, the property is anchored by the former Capitol Hill home of Frederick Douglass. Douglass, who by most accounts served as the catalyst for the Emancipation Proclamation, was more than an abolitionist. He stood for equal rights for all men and women, earning a place among the most caring people in our nation's history.



In 1990, with the assistance of the National Association for Home Care and the Friends of Frederick Douglass, the Caring Institute began restoration of the historic buildings and the renovation of the adjacent property. Great care was taken in restoring both the exterior and the interior of this beautiful home to its original period splendor.

The reception room welcomes guests to the museum complex and serves as the point of entry to the museum, the gift shop, and the curatorial offices of the museum. Visitors are greeted by a large mural painted by famed contemporary artist Mark Kostabi, entitled "Sharing the Rainbow, Gulf of Aden." The painting was created for the Institute and donated by Mr. Kostabi for the dedication ceremony held in December 1992.



To the left of the entrance the beautiful Frederick Douglass Memorial Room features a number of historic artifacts, including a roll-top desk that is an exact replica of the desk used by Frederick Douglass. On the desk is placed Douglass's violin case, a derby, and one of the

original printing presses used by Douglass to print The North Star. Above the desk is an original lithograph of President Lincoln delivering his first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation to members of his cabinet. The entire room has been restored to 1870s decor. Great care was taken to ensure that all of the appointments, including the doors, the trim, the window treatments, the wall paper border, and colors accurately reflect the decor of the period. Where the yellow pine floors were damaged, the wood was replaced with yellow pine found in a late 19th century barn in rural Virginia. The graceful chandelier in this room is one of three converted gas chandeliers that were installed in the home.



The dining room is a lovely large formal room that was converted from a series of storage areas during the restoration. Together with the Frederick Douglass Memorial Room, these rooms represent the

most historic sections of the original home. Again, all appointments reflect the original decor. Of particular note was the discovery of the original fireplace, which was subsequently restored. It is now flanked by a beautiful slate and marble mantelpiece and has been fitted with gas logs. The dramatic bay windows facing the street still contain their original moldings. Over 100 years of paint was carefully removed during the restoration and each small detail was restored. The walls in the dining room feature framed photographs of people who played significant roles in Douglass's life. Over the fireplace hangs a charcoal drawing of Frederick Douglass done by his son, Joseph. The beautiful ceiling medallion over the chandelier was originally sculpted for the restoration of the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee in Alexandria.

Period french doors flank the rear of the dining room and provide entrée into the main gallery of the Hall of Fame for Caring Americans. This portion of the building was added to the original home by the Smithsonian Institution in the 1970s and, while contemporary in flavor, certain architectural elements mirror the late 19th century decor found in the original rooms.



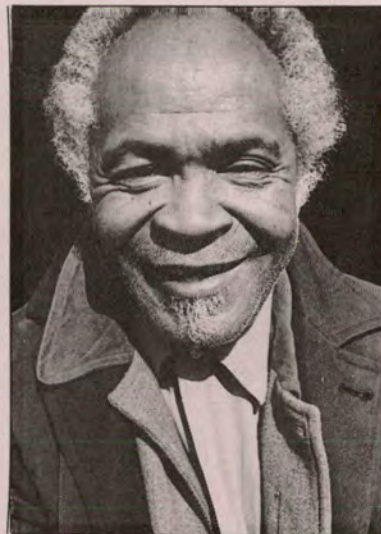
HOW YOU CAN HELP

SOME is mainly dependent on the generosity of individuals, churches and synagogues for its day to day existence. Most of our operating budget comes from people like you who've taken an interest in our work and donate what they can afford.

Here are some ideas for those not yet involved:

- Support us through a monetary donation. We guarantee your donation will be well used to serve those most in need.

- Remember a loved one with a memorial or a bequest to **SOME**. We will send a letter of acknowledgment to the appropriate people.



- Honor someone on his or her birthday, confirmation, bar mitzvah, etc., through a donation to **SOME**. We will send a card to the person in your name.

- Support us through a Matching Gift. Many employers now make it possible for employees to double their donations to places like **SOME** by matching their gift. Inquire at your personnel department.

- Include **SOME** in your will. . . a living memorial for the poor.

- Donate food or small household items.

- Volunteer your talents. **SOME** could not possibly do its work without the help of volunteers. We are often in need of people to do clerical work, help in our clothing room, do maintenance work or repairs, help in our clinics (especially if you're a



doctor, nurse or dentist), provide arts and crafts in our day centers, and assist us in countless other ways.

- Participate in our Provide-A-Meal Program. This usually involves forming a group at your church, synagogue or civic organization, and preparing and serving a well-balanced meal in our dining room. Smaller groups and individuals may provide meals at our other centers, Shalom House for example.

If you think you might have something to offer, just call us or fill out the form below for more information. (202) 797-8806 or (202) 797-7562.

Thank you again for your support.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I would like to volunteer in the following areas:

Send To:

SOME
71 O Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We are often asked if we really help the hundreds of people who come to us each day. A good question, but it may miss the point of what **SOME** is all about.

Before all else, **So Others Might Eat** is a place of ministry and hospitality. Hospitality is a special virtue in the Judeo-Christian tradition; it means taking care of anyone in need who comes my way, especially the person who is destitute.

At **SOME** we offer hospitality in very concrete ways: two good meals a day, a sympathetic ear, relief of pain, shared laughter and tears, a firm handshake. And it is through this hospitality that our eyes are opened and our isolating fears shattered. For as our religious traditions all teach, salvation always comes to us through the lowly, through the poor, for they remind us of our own vulnerability and teach us about justice and compassion.

We consider ourselves successful when we do not judge those who come to us, but do our best to nourish the body with food and the spirit with encouragement and laughter. We are gentle with the violent, firm with the weak, supportive of the struggling, companion to the lonely, hospitable to all.

We invite you to share in our work of reaching out to the poor. For when we do, not only is human suffering relieved, but our lives change as well. We become more open, more understanding of the plight of those living in poverty.

Call now to find out how you can help. . .
So Others Might Eat.



Father John

SOME

So Others Might Eat



*Hospitality
In the Shadow of
The Nation's Capitol*

71 O Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

WHO WE ARE

SOME stands for So Others Might Eat, but the name only begins to tell our story. Founded in 1971 by a group of priests and ministers, SOME has evolved into a fully ecumenical effort to serve the homeless and hungry of Washington. We are Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Sikh, Moslem, Hindu - people of all faiths who believe that serving the poor is everyone's job.

Hard as it might be to believe, right here in our nation's capital there are men, women and children who are hungry, homeless and in pain. Serving well over 1,500 of our poor each day, we at SOME do everything we can to alleviate their suffering. SOME offers the basics: hot meals, clothing, shelter, showers, medical and dental care. And much more than the basics: we offer job readiness, treatment for substance abuse, programs for the elderly, mental health care, self-help programs, and most recently, affordable, permanent housing for formerly homeless people.

All of our services are delivered in a spirit of compassion, with the faith that justice begins when we show hospitality to anyone in need who comes our way. Our goal is never to pass judgment, but to nourish, support and, when need be, even challenge. We recognize that the poor and the needy deserve our special concern, and that our own humanity is measured by our willingness to stand with them, seeing our own faces in theirs.



WHAT WE DO



MEALS

We feed over 1,200 people each day in our "O" Street Dining Room. Hot, well-balanced meals are prepared, delivered and served by "Provide-A-Meal", a large network of volunteers from churches, synagogues and civic organizations. We also feed many more through our other centers.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE

Quality medical and dental care are provided to the homeless by our volunteer and staff physicians, nurses, dentists and hygienists. Nine thousand people are served each year.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Through social services we help the homeless in the following areas: housing, social security, jobs, mental health treatment, life-skills training, etc. Our goal is to restore people's self-esteem and help them to help themselves.

REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS

EMPLOYMENT

At **Joshua House** and **Leland Place** we offer a 90-day residential program that helps 27 homeless men re-enter the job market and live on their own. Included are programs to enhance self-esteem, a literacy program, and advice about managing money.

SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

At **Isaiah House** we provide a psychiatric day program for homeless people who are mentally ill. They receive group and individual counseling, meals, life skills training, educational programs and recreation.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS

At our Main Facility on "O" Street, we provide outreach and treatment to homeless persons suffering with addictions.

At **Exodus House**, located in West Virginia, we offer a 90-day residential program to those needing more intense treatment. Eighteen of Washington's homeless can be served at one time.



DAILY HYGIENE PROGRAM

Hot showers and clean clothing are available each day for anyone in need.

LEGAL SERVICES

Thanks to a group of volunteer lawyers who spend one afternoon a week with us, the homeless have access to free legal services.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/SELF-HELP

At **SOME Southeast Center** we reach out to poor living in the southeast neighborhood. Our goal is to be a supportive presence and to help people create their own solutions. The many programs at Southeast Center include the Women's Club, the Food Co-op, and the Food Club for low-income families.

PERMANENT HOUSING

At **Shalom House** we offer 93 units of permanent housing to homeless men women: the elderly, the handicapped and the working poor. Each resident is provided an affordable private room, with shared kitchens and living rooms.

Thea Bowman House is an apartment building for 13 formerly homeless families, mostly women and their children. Support services are included.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

At **Dwelling Place** we offer transitional shelter to 7 senior citizens who have been battered, psychologically abused or neglected. Also at Dwelling Place and at **Harvest House** we run day programs for seniors living in the community. We offer counseling, hot meals, exercise classes, recreation and shopping assistance.

At **Southeast Center** we serve the homebound elderly through social services.

Additionally, each elderly person is matched with a volunteer in a long-term relationship.

Each summer in the mountains of West Virginia, we offer **Summer Camp**: a free week-long vacation to elderly people who would not otherwise have one.

LONG-TERM VOLUNTEERS

Providence House is our residence for long-term volunteers, those who have committed themselves to between six months and one year of service. Volunteers work in various capacities, and share a simple life in community.



Volunteers of SOME share a house and usually eat together. Each takes part in the preparation of meals and in other chores. The lifestyle is simple but not austere.

So Others Might Eat provides food, lodging and a stipend. Medical insurance is provided for those committed to 6 months or more.

COMMUNITY SHARING

One evening a week volunteers gather for a simple meal, reflection, prayer, and conversation about their work. They share stories about significant moments and reflect about how what they do expresses their values and commitments. They also encourage and support one another.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

Volunteers are accepted for a commitment of one year or less. As indicated above, even those who can offer just one week are encouraged to apply. Applications may be submitted at any time.

All prospective volunteers must submit an application. We also require a visit and an interview of those who intend to stay longer than three months.

STUDENT LOAN DEFERMENTS

Student loan deferments are available.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Occasionally, groups of college students offer to spend their semester breaks with us. They work on special projects — painting, sorting clothes, etc. We welcome their help.



Beth, Tewksburg, Mass. "I'll always be thankful for volunteering with SOME. My experience working with the poor and homeless is very worthwhile. I look forward to life-long friendships with other volunteers."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION . . .

or for an application, please write

Father John Adams
Volunteer Lay Ministry Program
71 O Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

or call (202) 797-7562



SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT

VOLUNTEERS

WHAT IS SOME?

So Others Might Eat (SOME) was established to help the poor and destitute of Washington, particularly the homeless and elderly. Our ministry is primarily one of hospitality: we strive to serve anyone in need who comes our way. We offer the basics such as food, clothing and medical care, and go beyond the basics with rehabilitation services and permanent housing. Our goal is never to pass judgment, but to nourish, support and, when need be, challenge.

WHO ARE SOME'S VOLUNTEERS?

Volunteers are men and women, married and single, typically 20 years or older. The usual stay is a full year, but this should not deter those who can offer from a few weeks to a few months. We look for people who are flexible, hard working and committed to service.

Volunteers are assigned to specific jobs. We make every effort to match people's abilities with the needs of the agency. The work week is 40 hours, and people have regularly scheduled days off.

WHAT DO VOLUNTEERS DO?

Volunteers are involved in all aspects of SOME: the dining room, clinics, housing programs, rehabilitation services and services



Kim, Houston, Texas "It is great working for SOME. The compassionate people I work with and the homeless we serve bring home a real message of love."



Marco, San Jaun, Puerto Rico "Seeing the needs of the poor and homeless addressed in a joyful spirit is a wonderful reward for me. I feel I am making a difference."

for the elderly. They include secretaries, receptionists, social workers, counselors, nurses, cooks, janitors and drivers.

THE SOME VOLUNTEER MISSION

Our mission is one of service to our brothers and sisters in need. We are thoroughly ecumenical but this we share: we take seriously the call of our traditions to stand in solidarity with the poor and marginalized. We believe this to be not only a matter of charity but, even more, one of justice.

We fulfill our mission in very concrete ways: by offering a warm greeting, sharing a hot meal, providing a clean set of clothes. We listen to people—celebrating their joys and helping them bear their sorrows. We help people to help themselves, empowering them



Kathie, Mtn. View, California "I receive much more than I give volunteering for SOME. Being in the heart of D.C. is a big plus for a tremendous unforgettable experience."

to make steps toward independent living. And, when necessary, we press for changes in the "system," looking forward to a society in which the needs of each and every person are met.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Everyone is expected to participate in the building of community. It is through community, after all, that we are comforted and strengthened for our work. Without it, we are apt to become frustrated and disheartened.

Senior Center: The Senior Center provides daily activities for 30 to 40 senior citizens who live in the neighborhood. These include arts and crafts, sewing, ceramics, group discussions and parties. The hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people to help with arts and crafts and exercise programs, plan special events, run errands, serve as bus monitors and work with the visually or hearing impaired. **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator (202) 582-7112.

HARVEST HOUSE

150 Rhode Island Avenue, NE

The Senior Center at Harvest House is much like the one at Dwelling Place. To about 30 to 40 senior citizens we offer hot meals and recreational and educational activities. The hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people to share their talents in arts, crafts, and music, to socialize with our seniors, to help serve meals, to serve as bus monitors and do cleaning and maintenance work. **Contact:** Coordinator (202) 269-0699

SOUTHEAST CENTER

4609 Benning Road, SE

Southeast Center offers self-help and leadership development programs which empower people to improve their own communities. **Contact:** (202) 581-8000

Food Club: The Food Club distributes canned goods and other food donations to members of the community served by Southeast Center.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people whose church or civic group would like to coordinate the collection of food and other needed items.

Clothing/Furniture Campaign: Through this program, donated toys, furniture and clothes are made available to those in need at biannual "penny sales."

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people whose church or civic group would like to coordinate the collection of clothes and furniture.

Community Organizing\Leadership Development: This program works with block clubs and tenant associations who seek neighborhood improvements.

Volunteer Opportunities: Someone who could work on a regular basis coordinating meetings and keeping in touch with neighborhood residents. This would require at least one day a week and would make a good internship. We could also use assistance with soliciting donations, research on new projects, updating case records and other office work.

Caregivers Program: Through the caregivers program we offer comfort and companionship to isolated, homebound senior citizens. Volunteers are matched one-on-one with clients and asked to make weekly visits.

Volunteer Opportunities: Along with one-on-one friendships we need people to provide telephone reassurance, help with shopping and light housekeeping or some driving. We will also train people to screen for public benefits eligibility.

EXODUS HOUSE

Route 1, Box 595
Highview, West Virginia 26808

Exodus House is an 18 bed, 90 day drug/rehabilitation facility set in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need occupational/recreation therapists, maintenance people, cooks, those who would like to help with driving and people to do GED/literacy preparation. **Contact:** Exodus House Coordinator (304) 856-3416

THEA BOWMAN HOUSE

4065 Minnesota Ave, NE

Thea Bowman House offers permanent, affordable housing to families who were either homeless or on the brink of homelessness. The facility contains 12 apartments of 2 or 3 bedrooms each. Tenants have an active role in the building's management.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people interested in an activities program for the children of the house. We also need those willing to offer workshops to the adults. **Contact:** Coordinator of Southeast Center (202) 581-8000

FRIENDS OF SOME

The Friends of SOME is a group which raises money for the agency through an annual dinner/auction each spring. For more information, please call (202) 797-7562.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SOME

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This pamphlet outlines the many different ways you might want to become involved with SOME. Just call us to express your interest.

Join So Others Might Eat, and you are bound to receive much more than you give.

MAIN FACILITY
71 O Street, NW

Meal Program: Our dining room is a bright and cheery place in which we serve over 1,200 meals each day. Daily: 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 1 PM. We need volunteers from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Volunteer Opportunities: We need groups to donate, prepare and serve food and help in our kitchen and dining room. Volunteers also spend time talking with clients. **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinators (202) 797-7562

Health Services: We provide comprehensive medical and dental services to thousands of people each year. The hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need doctors, nurses and medical technologists; dentists and dental assistants. **Contact:** Medical or Dental Clinic (202) 797-8806

HIV Program: This program was established to serve the increasing number of homeless men and women with HIV infection and AIDS. The hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need nurses and health educators. **Contact:** HIV Program (202) 797-8806

Social Services and Addictions Counseling: This program provides a broad range of services, designed to foster greater independence. The hours: Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need those able to provide professional services to clients: e.g., legal and psychiatric. We also need those willing to provide support services to staff: e.g., secretarial and clerical. **Contact:** Social Services (202) 797-8806

Support Services: Our support staff provides a broad range of services for all of our programs. The hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need help with secretarial and clerical tasks. We also need fill-in receptionists. **Contact:** Business Office (202) 797-7562

Building/Painting/Renovation/Repair: We have staff and volunteers who work at renovating and maintaining our buildings and grounds. The hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need help with painting, electrical work, carpentry, plumbing, landscaping, masonry, cleanup and other tasks. **Contact:** Building Maintenance Coordinator (202) 797-8806

SHALOM HOUSE
1876 4th Street, NE

Shalom House is a low-income, permanent, service-oriented housing facility which fosters independent living. The city's first "single room occupancy" residence, Shalom House accommodates 93 adults and provides 24 hour security. A diverse group of tenants, some of whom were homeless, live in attractive, dignified, private rooms.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people to answer the phone and monitor the door (especially on weekends), visit with residents, do maintenance work and sponsor evening socials (e.g., bingo, cards, arts and crafts, cooking, etc.). **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator (202) 832-3451

ISAIAH HOUSE
1509 N. Capitol Street, NE

Isaiah House helps about 25 to 30 homeless people who are mentally ill. It offers a psycho-social day program which includes group and individual counseling, substance abuse awareness, meals, life skills training, educational programs and recreation. The hours: Monday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people to help with arts and crafts; teach reading, writing and math; teach life-skills; help prepare meals; and assist with maintenance. **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator (202) 269-3372

JOSHUA HOUSE
1307 First Street, NW
LELAND PLACE
1620 N. Capitol Street, NW

Joshua House and Leland Place both offer a residential rehabilitation program for 12 to 15 homeless men, many of whom are recovering substance abusers, preparing to re-enter the job market and to live independently.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people to prepare and serve weekend and holiday meals and provide tutoring during the evening and on weekends. (Tutors must attend one of our training workshops.) **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator (202) 483-0831

DWELLING PLACE
2812 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE

Emergency Shelter for Abused Elderly: This is a transitional home for seven senior citizens who have been physically or psychologically abused, neglected, or financially exploited. People usually stay for three months, by which time permanent housing is found. Volunteer help is needed mostly on weekends.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need people who are willing to assist staff members in whatever tasks that need doing: i.e. answering phones, assisting with meals, doing light housework, performing some clerical work, and visiting with residents of the shelter. **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator (202) 583-7602



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Dear Mr. Segal:

Enclosed is information on our volunteer programs at SONE (So Others Might Eat). We thought you might appreciate having this information for reference. If you have any question regarding our programs, feel free to contact Fr. John Adams, our director, or me.

Sincerely,
Sister Mary Catherine Shuler, SS
Coordinator of long-term volunteers

BEST BUDDIES



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May 4, 1993

Mr. Eli Segal
Office of National Service
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Segal,

Enclosed please find a copy of the **Best Buddies Byline**; our national newsletter. Though much of the newsletter is focused on the great success generated by Best Buddies Day, I submitted a piece (on page 7) about National Service. This was based on the informational meeting of March 17, 1993 and the subsequent information sent to me.

As the academic year comes to a close, Best Buddies will have a membership of over 5,000 at 138 chapters. We are expecting to grow to over 160 chapters, and to develop a Citizen Buddy program in Miami.

In June, at our Unified Leadership Conference in Miami, we are currently planning an activity in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. In essence, we (300 buddies, college buddies, and staff) will descend upon a community still recovering from the Hurricane Andrew and offer a day of assistance in rebuilding. While many chapters do service projects, this will be the first done at a national level.

As your emphasis is on national service, I feel it my duty to inform you of the latest works Best Buddies has done toward that end. We at Best Buddies are all very excited about the aggressive stance this administration is taking on national service, and are eager to become further involved. Please do not hesitate to contact me should an opportunity arise where Best Buddies can lend support.

I appreciate your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

Gustav P. Chiarello
Field Director, Eastern Region

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

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THE BIG PICTURE

Best Buddies Day – 1993

By Anthony K. Shriver, President

What a day! What a week!
What a month! What a year it
has been for Best Buddies. So
much excitement, energy and hard
work culminating with the first ever
Best Buddies Day -- April 3, 1993!
The event accomplished so much.

In Florida, Best Buddies attracted
over 5,000 people to downtown
Miami at Bayfront Park. The program
got radio play, a front page story in
The *Miami Herald* and many, many
mentions in small local
papers all over the
United

States recognizing what college stu-
dents are accomplishing through vol-
unteer service. Best Buddies Day
showcased the talents of people with
mental retardation, it celebrated their
abilities not their disabilities, it cele-
brated the inclusion not the exclusion
of our special friends, it celebrated the
integration not segregation of our spe-
cial friends, and it is a day that will
never be forgotten by Best Buddies
and hopefully, never to be forgotten
by you.

Washington D.C., Utah, California,
Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia
and Illinois were just a few states
which joined together enthusiastically
to celebrate Best Buddies Day. Best
Buddies hopes that Best Buddies Day
April 2, 1994 captures the spirit and
the curiosity of tens of thousands. We
are on the road to surpassing the reach
of Earth Day -- watch out America!

The day was a triumph of people
working together. People deciding
that a celebration of the talents of our
special friends must occur and for that

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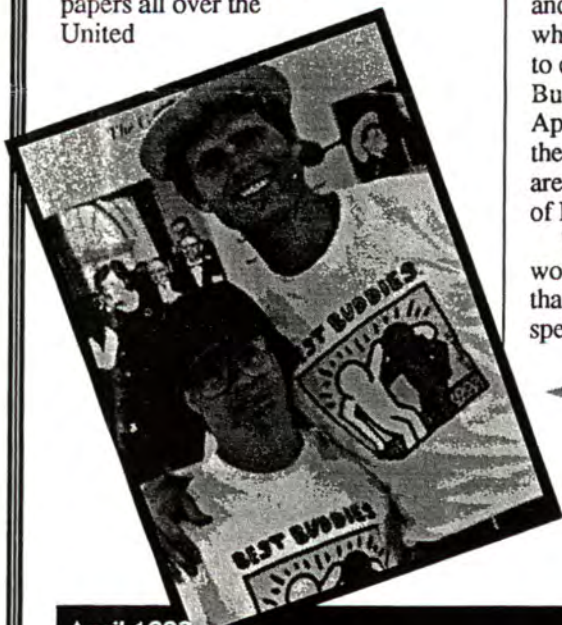
The Heart Of The Matter

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to happen, we must work together.
There is no substitute for team work,
teams of young people who believe
that the word must go out -- and that
they are the voice of the word.

I hope all of you will continue to
support and encourage all sorts of ser-
vice groups in your communities.
Best Buddies is one, but Special
Olympics, Habitat for Humanity,
Knights of Columbus and the Peace
Corps are all out there providing great
service. We believe that once you
experience the spirit of volunteerism
there will be no turning back. The
volunteer bug will hook you for life --
catch the fever -- rediscover your
community!

All the photos debuting in this issue of The ByLine are
images from Best Buddies Day 1993. The fun had by all
truly emanates from the smiles of these participants!



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Garden Resources of Washington

Celebrating Ten Years of Community Gardening in Washington, 1982-1992
1419 V Street NW, Washington, DC 20009
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September 1992

Dear Friends,

We celebrate GROW's 10th Anniversary this year -- more than 30 gardens started over the years -- and we continue to hear from groups that want to use neighborhood land to grow their own food, beautify their surroundings and enjoy the satisfaction of working together. As more and more groups come forward to ask for our help, the more our success depends on the collaboration of community groups, businesses, churches, garden clubs, landscapers, garden suppliers, city agencies, volunteers, and others to work together. And when as many as 10% of Americans are on food stamps and the government is running low on surplus food to give away, gardens are all the more important to our communities.

We kicked off Anniversary celebrations with a May 21st party at the Washington Court Hotel. Champagne, cake, and door prizes kept us entertained and we had a special guest -- Allison Brown, the founder of GROW. Allison is now an international development & agriculture consultant. She recently left for Russia on contract with The Peace Corps.

Our thanks to the Washington Court Hotel who made the May 21st party possible, to Randy Martin who made us a carrot cake decorated like a community garden with carrot patches & trellises, to Rafael Gonzalez who created commemorative signs on his computer, and to the very generous folks who donated the door prizes -- the American Horticultural Society (a compost bin), Green Goods (a recycled glass bud vase), National Gardening Association (subscription to National Gardening Magazine and membership in Gardens for All), Cass Peterson and Ward Sinclair (a gift certificate to their farm stand at the Takoma Park Farmers' Market), the Potomac Unit of the Herb Society of America (a basket of herbals made by Pay Kenny, an herbal wreath made by Thea Koehler, a strand of rose beads made by Bernice Pivarnik), Holly Shimizu of the US Botanic Garden (a garden consultation), and Jac Smit (a season pass to Dumbarton Oaks).

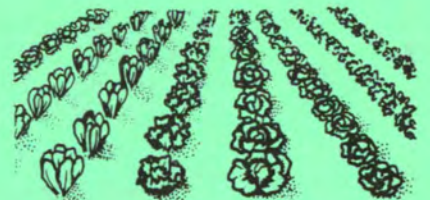
We are proud to announce that GROW is the winner of the 1992 Renew America Environmental Achievement Award in the category of environmental beautification. Each year Renew America searches the country for examples of environmental successes in the work of community groups, businesses, and government agencies. The annual Success Index (available from Renew America) lists over 1,500 such success nationally. Of these, one group is awarded in each of 20 categories. THANK YOU, RENEW AMERICA!

And upcoming is our second annual Harvest Party at the US Botanic Garden, Saturday, September 26, from 8-10 pm. I hope you will all join us there! I want to thank everyone who has been a part of GROW all these years!



Sincerely,

Judy
Judy Tiger
Executive Director



HELP GROW RAISE FUNDS!

ANNIVERSARY CHALLENGE -- In honor of our 10th Anniversary, GROW is challenged to raise \$20,500 to match 10-to-1 funds pledged by Behnke Nurseries, Ecoprint, the Garden Club of Chevy Chase Maryland, Giant Food, Johnson's Flower and Garden Centers, Kiplinger Washington Editors, Oehme, van Sweden & Associates, Riggs National Bank of Washington, and the Washington Court Hotel.

FUN IN WASHINGTON -- Piccolo Press has just published a guide to more than 900 area clubs & organizations -- ways for DC area residents to get involved in a wide variety of activities -- culinary, literary, politics, sports, civic associations, theatre, dancing, history, and yes - GARDENING! Entitled "Finding Fun & Friends in Washington: An Uncommon Guide to Common Interests," this exhaustive 300-page guide costs only \$14.95. For each guide you buy through GROW, Piccolo Press will donate \$3 to GROW!

FILL IN THE FORM ON THE BACK!

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November/December 1992

DEAR FRIENDS,

This is our 10th year of helping city residents start community food gardens — on vacant lots and at community facilities — and we continue to hear from groups wanting to use neighborhood land to grow their own food, beautify the urban environment, and enjoy the satisfaction of working together.

The last two months were a whirlwind — the second annual Harvest party, an environmental award, the American Community Gardening Association conference in Denver, a presentation to landscape design students at University of Maryland, a workday at Hannah House with volunteers from the Boston College Alumni club, and the development of our first Holiday shopping catalog.

* The Harvest Party was great fun. Music, champagne, and desserts make for a wonderful way to visit the US Botanic Garden! Mark your calendar for next year's party — September 18, 1993.

* On September 29, in a ceremony at the National War College, GROW received the 1992 RENEW AMERICA ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD in the category of environmental beautification. Each year Renew America searches the country for the exemplary environmental work of community groups, businesses, and government agencies. Over 1,500 are listed in their Success Index. Each year, one organization is awarded in each of 20 categories. On hand to congratulate GROW was Ms. Ferial Bishop, Administrator of the DC Environmental Regulation Administration, attending on behalf of Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly. THANK YOU, RENEW AMERICA and MAYOR KELLY!

* The Capitol Hill Recycling Project sent GROW a \$200 grant, with a letter saying, "We would like this, the last of the money CHIRP earned recycling newspapers, to be plowed back into good D.C. earth, to grow and flourish. It's the best form of recycling we can think of." THANK YOU, CHIRP!

* Inside is our first Holiday catalog, inviting you to combine Holiday shopping with support of GROW. Enjoy!

And when sending end-of-the-year tax-deductible charitable contributions, think of community gardens!

* A \$50 contribution to GROW makes you eligible for a greatly discounted membership in the American Horticultural Society (including bi-monthly journal and newsletter, book service, and more).

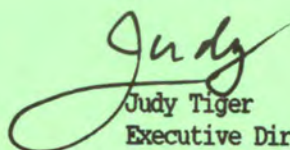
* A \$100 donation also gives you a one-time 10% discount on gardening books at Chuck & Daves bookstore in Takoma Park, Maryland in addition to being eligible for the AHS discount.

* A \$200 contribution gives you the above plus a one-time 10% discount at T. DeBaggio Herbs in Arlington.

* For \$500, GROW will give you a free membership in the American Horticultural Society.

Happy Holidays to all of you!

Sincerely,


Judy Tiger
Executive Director



WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome to new board members Steven Davis, executive director, American Horticultural Therapy Association and Gordon Sheridan, manager, Johnson's Flower & Garden Centers DC Store!

In April we enjoyed new volunteer help — two weeks with a team from the D.C. Service Corps and a morning with staff of the Commission on National and Community Service, students from St. Anselm's Abbey and from Maret School, members of "doingsomething" & the Connecticut College alumni association.

We celebrated Earth Day twice! On Sunday, April 18, GROW had a booth at the Takoma Park Earth Day Fair and planted flowers & trees in front of Green Goods. On April 22, in honor of both Earth Day and National Youth Service Week, we were honored to have Secretary Bruce Babbitt of the Department of the Interior join GROW at the 14th & Irving Community Garden to plant flowers, along with our D.C. Service Corps team and volunteers from the DC Jewish Community Center. Secretary Babbitt is very fast planting flowers! The visit was fun in spite of the cold weather and soggy earth.



GROW Exec Dir Judy Tiger
with Secretary Babbitt



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UPCOMING

June 2, noon, free showing of "Green Streets," 60-min film on community gardens in New York (film-maker Maria DeLuca in person), at IMF Visitor Ctr, 700 19th St NW (202-338-1129) *** June 19, volunteers welcome at garden cleanups (202-234-0591 for time/location) *** Aug 12-14, "Children, Plants & Gardens: Educational Opportunities," a youth gardening symposium sponsored by the Amer Horticultural Soc (703-768-5700) *** Sept 18, 8-10pm, GROW Harvest Party at the US Botanic Gardens (202-234-0591 for info/reservations) *** Oct 1-4, conference of the Amer Community Gardening Assn, in Louisville, KY (202-234-0591)

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GROW Mug 	\$5.00		\$
Finding Fun & Friends in Washington 	\$14.95		\$
<u>Shipping/Handling</u>		6% Sales Tax for DC Addresses	\$
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\$6.75 " " \$40.01 to \$60			
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Included is a tax-deductible donation to GROW for:			\$
___ \$ 25 (you're eligible for 1/2 price AHS membership)			
___ \$ 50 (above plus GROW 10th anniversary mug)			
___ \$ 100 (above plus a one-time discount at T. DeBaggio Herbs)			
___ \$ 200 (above plus a GROW T-shirt, size ___XL or ___L)			
___ \$ 500 (above plus reserved table for 4 at the '93 Harvest Party)			
___ \$1000 (above plus listing as Harvest Party Sponsor)			
___ \$2500 (above plus free AHS membership and 10% discount on all purchases at Johnson's DC store one month (your choice!))			
TOTAL ORDER & CONTRIBUTION			\$

assisting city residents and community organizations in starting community gardens -- growing organic vegetables close to home, saving on family food costs, bringing neighbors together, transforming idle land into an urban oasis, and promoting environmental stewardship

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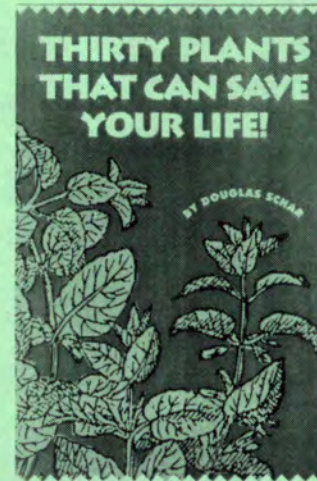
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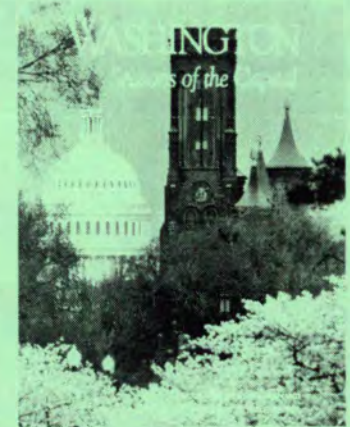
JUNE 19 -- BOOK SIGNING BENEFITS GROW!

On June 19, from noon-3 pm, Johnson's Flower & Garden Center DC Store at 4200 Wisconsin Avenue NW will host a book signing. Don't miss this chance to get autographed copies of two new books from Elliott & Clark Publishing. Proceeds from book sales support GROW.



Thirty Plants That Can Save Your Life by Douglas Schar, is a down-to-earth guide to the plants for promoting wellness, preventing illness, and soothing mind and body. This illustrated book includes recipes for ointments and bath tonics, information on the best month to collect plants, and a guide to nurseries and mail-order companies carrying healing plants. (\$12.95)

Washington: Seasons of the Capital, combines the talents of writer Philip Kopper with veteran garden photographer Ping Amranand. Together they present a history of the remarkable people who shaped Washington, illustrated with 83 lush photographs of local landmarks and gardens through the seasons. (\$29.95)



GARDENS



cherry tree donated to New Community Church bloomed just weeks after planting! *** new plots ready soon at 14th & Irving thanks to many volunteer hours of tilling & spreading donated composted manure! *** GROW seeks \$ for new gardens at Kalorama & Champlain and Family Place *** former police impoundment lot becomes new garden soon *** new Garden Partners go to Poretzky Daycare Ctr, Arlington Housing Corp, and Opportunities for Women *** GROW seeks working truck, wheelbarrows, trowels, hoes, spading forks, tomato stakes & shovels

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MISSION STATEMENT

The DC Service Corps has two principal missions. First, the Corps provides an opportunity for a diverse group of young people to critically examine their values and beliefs. Second, the Corps provides its participants with opportunities to make worthwhile contributions to their communities. The Corps combines critical thinking and community service to create a foundation for leadership for the 21st century.

The DC Service Corps' main objectives are:

- to cultivate the development of a diverse group of socially responsible young leaders who will invest in their communities;
- to accomplish productive community service projects that have a long-term community benefit; and
- to cultivate relationships among existing community organizations to create a lasting infrastructure that supports the idea of youth as a resource for community development.

The DC Service Corps is unique in that it blends service and education into a comprehensive approach to youth development. During the program year, the Corps builds a challenging, yet nurturing, environment within which Corpsmembers can develop their skills and interests. This environment is based on bonds that are forged through both the achievement of service goals and the experience of Corpswide educational activities. The Corps continues its guidance role by assisting in the placement of Corpsmembers in jobs or colleges which further their personal growth.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The DC Service Corps is a nine-month, full-time, volunteer, urban Peace Corps composed of 100 culturally, socio-economically, educationally, and racially diverse young people between the ages of 17 and 23. The Corps focuses on the development of young leaders through the integration of community service work and focused, non-traditional leadership and educational programs. Corpsmembers are able to develop, strengthen, and expand their own values including responsible citizenship, respect for oneself and others, and commitment to the community while they better their neighborhoods through critical community service work.

During the service year, Corpsmembers earn a weekly stipend of \$100 to help defray their living expenses. Corpsmembers who successfully complete the nine-month service program, receive a \$2,000 scholarship to be used for post-secondary education, technical training, job entry, or career development.

The DC Service Corps became operational in 1991 opening with a summer service program consisting of 30 Corpsmembers. The Corps has since expanded to 100 participants. The DC Service Corps is supported by both private and federal funds.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Corpsmembers spend a significant portion of their time in intensive, non-traditional, educational activities. The full educational curriculum includes both materials designed to enhance the academic progress of individual Corpsmembers as well as materials designed to enhance the intellectual development of the Corps as a whole.

In keeping with the Corps' commitment to diversity, the educational programs are designed to insure that college graduates as well as high school dropouts can find engaging and appropriate material to further their academic and personal development. The curricular offerings include both G.E.D. instruction and S.A.T. preparation. In addition, the Corps provides college counseling and career counseling to Corpsmembers who are interested in furthering their education or obtaining professional internships or full-time employment following their Corps service.

Pains are taken to balance the Corps' commitment to addressing the individual needs and interests of Corpsmembers against the Corps' commitment to addressing the collective needs of the Corps as a whole. Consequently, the curriculum includes seminars, discussions, field trips, and guest speakers that are designed to help Corpsmembers develop themselves into a productive, empowered community. These elements of the educational program focus on areas such as group decision making, group goal setting, and issues education.

Corpsmembers are required to obtain either a high school diploma or a General Education Degree (GED) in order to be eligible for their scholarships at the culmination of the service year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

Corpsmembers spend the majority of their time directly involved in a variety of community service activities. Projects are carefully selected based on the need which that project intends to address, the projected long-term community benefit, and the project's potential for maximizing the personal development and enrichment of the Corpsmembers. Corpsmembers, grouped in ten teams of ten, rotate through a variety of service projects throughout the year.

The community service work includes human service projects, physical projects, and special projects that meet a demonstrated need but cannot be accomplished with existing resources. In no case do service projects displace existing workers.

Human service projects include:

- tutoring in public and private schools
- supervising children in daycare programs
- assisting with services for the disabled
- teaching life skills to the mentally retarded
- caring for and providing companionship to sick children and the elderly
- serving as positive role models for community youth
- creating and conducting community surveys
- conducting visual acuity screening in elementary schools
- developing and implementing healthy lifestyles and conflict resolution workshops

Physical projects include:

- renovating housing and shelters for low income families and the homeless
- transforming run-down community parks
- weatherizing the homes of the elderly
- executing environmental clean-ups
- planting community gardens

Special projects include:

- staffing large community events
- mobilizing and increasing voter registration
- providing support to White House staff during the presidential transition
- creating and presenting workshops about corps development, skills training, and conflict resolution at community service conferences
- testifying before the Commission on National and Community Service, Congress, members of the White House Transition team, and President Clinton regarding the power of community service and the value of service corps

Special efforts are made to recruit community development corporations and neighborhood-based organizations as sponsors of service projects. These organizations are ideal sponsors for service projects and are well-positioned to benefit from a diverse pool of young people. Mobilizing youth to solve community problems is a natural means to instill leadership, citizenship, and public responsibility.

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WHAT CORPSMEMBERS SAY ABOUT THE DC SERVICE CORPS

"I joined the Corps to get a better understanding of our community and to further my education. What I enjoy most about the DC Service Corps is that everyone works together like one family."

-- **Changa Cooke, 19 years old**

"It isn't the pay or the \$2,000 scholarship for me, because I could make that at a fast food joint. It is knowing that what I get up every morning to do will be greatly appreciated by my community. My favorite memory is helping a little boy to read and write correctly. Seeing him smile when he finally got it right was my biggest reward."

-- **LaChanda Medley, 19 years old**

"My experience in the DC Service Corps will affect my future life and my willingness to accept responsibility for myself and to commit myself to the community."

-- **Jutata Basnight, 19 years old**

"The combination of service, work, and education has helped me to mature in ways that a strictly academic environment could not satisfy. I've established a lot of contacts, a solid foundation of commitment and reliability, and a sense of being a part of something special that will hopefully continue forever."

-- **Len Davis, 19 years old**

"With the DC Service Corps I was able to go places in the city I otherwise never would have. The work that I did and the things I saw will help me address issues of poverty and prejudice with a more informed, developed perspective."

-- **Genevieve Preer, 18 years old**

"My DC Service Corps experience has clarified my need to be conscious, helped me to see my role as a leader, and helped me to realize where and what I must do next in my life."

-- **Amir Thornell, 20 years old**

"Before I joined the DC Service Corps I used to pass homeless people on the street and not really notice them. Now that I understand my community better, I feel closer to these people. I stop and talk with them now, think about my work in shelters, and hope to someday find solutions to our city's problems."

-- **Joss Williams, 19 years old**

"Working with the DC Service Corps, I have accomplished my goals. Now I am someone who seeks for the highest point in life. I am a person who is dedicated and committed. I am one who will succeed. I have become a mature and patient person. Most importantly, I've learned to not be a follower but a leader in my life."

-- **Chartrina Gray, 18 years old**

As a result of the successes of the DC Service Corps, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly has designated the DC Service Corps as the lead agency for the development and implementation of a comprehensive community service plan and program for the District of Columbia. In collaboration with representatives from area universities, D.C. Public Schools, local civic associations, and other community-based organizations, the DC Service Corps has devised a program of structured community service for the District of Columbia that focuses on economic and community development within the District.

As lead agency, the DC Service Corps works with:

- The Commission on National and Community Service
- DC Higher Education Innovative Projects Program
- National Association of Service Corps
- The Office of National Service
- The Points of Light Foundation
- Public Allies
- Serve America
- Volunteer Clearinghouse
- Youth Service America

The DC Service Corps has developed on-going partnerships with organizations such as:

- Anacostia Community Partnership
- The Board of Elections
- Columbia Heights Development Corporation
- D.C. Cares
- D.C. Central Kitchen
- The D.C. Public Schools
- Frederick Douglass Center
- Hospital for Sick Children
- J.B. Johnson Nursing Home
- Jobs for Homeless People
- LensCrafters
- Marshall Heights Community Development Corporation
- Outward Bound
- Washington Center for Aging Services

The DC Service Corps has cultivated relationships with local colleges and universities such as:

- The American University
- The Catholic University of America
- Gallaudet University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Howard University
- Trinity College
- University of the District of Columbia

The DC Service Corps has also established relationships with local labor unions.

1992-93 CORPS DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Participants: 104

Males: 52

Females: 52

Ethnic Background:

African-American: 60%

Caucasian: 20%

Latino/Hispanic: 10%

Other: 10%

Nationalities represented: 10

Education Level:

Non-HS graduate: 25%

GED: 7%

High School Diploma: 43%

Post-Secondary Education: 25%

Self Reported Economic Status:

Upper income: 25%

Middle income: 40%

Lower income: 35%

Locality:

Urban: 75%

Suburban: 25%

Miscellaneous:

Custodial Parent: 10% (unwed mothers)

FUNDERS

- Arthur Andersen and Company
- Associates for Renewal in Education
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
- The Commission on National and Community Service
- C & P Telephone Company
- Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation
- Clark-Winchcole Foundation
- Community Foundation of Greater Washington
- Community Healthcare, Inc.
- Department of Human Services
- Family Course Consortium
- Fannie Mae Foundation
- Freddie Mac Foundation
- William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Youth
- Giant Food Foundation
- Glen Eagles Foundation
- Philip L. Graham Foundation
- Minnie I. Hutchinson Memorial Fund
- International Business Machines, Inc.
- Junior League of Washington, D.C.
- Allard K. Lowenstein Fund
- MCI
- Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- National Association of Service and Conservation Corps
- New World Foundation
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- Potomac River Flag Inc.
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Noon - 12:45	Reception
12:45	Opening remarks- Keith Canty, Executive Director
12:50	Board address- Lee Satterfield, Board Chair
12:55	Keynote address- Donald Eberly, National Service Secretariat
1:00	Team presentations
1:40	Presentation of Diplomas
2:00	Dessert

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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Service Promotes Self-Discovery

In denigrating the value of a year of national service, Denis P. Doyle ["Service Costs, Education Pays," op-ed, May 13] makes the same mistake as the educators and politicians who pushed through the National Defense Education Act and the Higher Education Act some three decades ago. They concluded that the GI Bill for World War II veterans was a sound investment because it enabled millions of persons who otherwise would not have gone on to further education and training to do so. That was the first lesson of the GI Bill.

What they—and Mr. Doyle—overlooked was the second lesson of the GI Bill, namely, the role of the service experience in motivating many veterans to seek higher education. In 1944 Prof. Earl McGrath, who was to become U.S. commissioner of education, predicted that 640,000 veterans would utilize the GI Bill for education. The number who eventually did so was 7.8 million. Why was he so wide of the mark? He appears to have assumed that veterans would go on to higher education at the same rate as they would have before the war.

Both Mr. McGrath and Mr. Doyle neglected the impact of the service experience. From the Appalachian hollows to the Midwest farms to the streets of our big cities, World War II draftees and volunteers made discoveries about themselves and their career plans as they built bridges, operated radar, worked in a foreign culture and did a host of other things they never would have dreamed of doing absent their involvement in World War II. These experiences whetted their appetites for further education.

We know from small-scale projects that national service can fulfill a role parallel to that of military service. Young people serving on the frontiers of human and environmental needs—in places such as nursing homes, day-care centers and the national parks and forests—make discoveries about themselves and their future that motivate them to seek additional education and training.

Thus, a year or two of national service open to 18- and 19-year-olds—one of several options in President Clinton's national service plan—would add to the number of young people seeking additional education and training. What is more, both the young people and society at large can have a clear conscience about supporting them with a modern day GI Bill because they will have earned it.

Mr. Doyle overlooks a second analogy with the experience of military service when he says that "at its best 'service,' like charity is given freely and voluntarily, without expectation of personal gain." Has he forgotten the nearly 2 million men and women on active-duty military service? Even privates and corporals have more pocket money than those in civilian national service, and a young soldier costs the federal government about twice as much as the young person in the D.C. Service Corps or the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps.

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